

It has come to my attention that Sinclair Broadcasting has made a decision to force their local stations to preempt their usual broadcast to air a thinly veiled partisan attack "documentary" on John Kerry.

This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I believe this to be an abuse of power and influence of the media on local communities across the nation.

I believe that this partisan attack on a presidential candidate does not serve the public interest and is clearly illegal. I urge the FCC to take action to stop this illegal act before Sinclair goes through with this, as to preserve the sanctity of our democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.